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Applicant(s): Bentwich et al.

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Regulatory Bacterial and Bacterial Associated  
Oligonucleotides and Uses Thereof

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed July 23, 2009 (the "Office Action"), please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below in accordance with the Rules of Practice. Submitted herewith is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 and the requisite fee of \$810.00 under §1.17(e), which provides an opportunity to withdrawn the finality of any office action and to enter and consider this submission.

**Amendment to the Claims** begin at page 2 of this response. **Remarks** begin at page 4 of this response.